MINUTES

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OF THE

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cahaba Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH,

Perry County, Ala.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

October 16th, 17th and 18th, 1883.

OFFICERS:

R. Y. WOOD, - - - MODERATOR, - - - Carthage, Ala.
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FELLOWSHIP CHURCH,
PERRY COUNTY, ALA.,
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The Cahaba Association convened in its Sixty-sixth Annual Session with Fellowship Church, commencing on Tuesday, Oct. 16th, 1883, at 11 o'clock A. M., with an able introductory sermon by W. B. Crumpton, from Nehemiah 2 chapter and 18th verse. In the absence of the former Moderator, Bro. J. S. Ford was called to the chair, for the organization of the Association. Letters from the churches were called for, and Brethren W. B. Crumpton and D. I. Purser were requested to read the same, and the following delegates were enrolled:

Antioch—

Bethel—J. T. Edmonds, J. S. Poole, and J. P. Harris.

Concord—J. S. Bolling, John Harris, and John Johnson.

Friendship—Bro. S. M. Adams, L. B. Crocker.

Fellowship—William Thomas, E. E. Trammel, E. Fagan, John Carter, J. M. Monts.

Harmony—A. J. Ivie.

Hepsabah—H. F. Hagard, W. J. Goodger.

Hopewell—D. S. Hogue, George Flinn and J. U. Tubb.

Mt. Zion—J. N. Suttle.

Macedonia—H. C. Halston, W. R. Stevender, J. W. Brown.

Macon—

Mt. Gilead—W. T. McCraw.

Mt. Hebron—J. S. Ford, P. T. Harris, J. H. Harris.

Medline—J. M. Price.

New Hope—John Shelton.

Oak Grove—E. S. White, J. A. McCrary.

Ocmulgee—O. H. Perry.

Pine Flat—E. P. George, R. O. Watters.

Pleasant Hill—J. A. Johnson, J. D. Geddie, Robert Coley.

Pisgah—W. W. Smith, W. L. Suttles, S. J. Fuller, F. W. Stoudenmire.

Providence—W. B. Crumpton, C. F. Munden, H. C. Graham.

Sardis—Samuel Tubb, James Crews, R. S. Tubb.

Union—H. T. Stringfellow.

Newberne—J. W. Edmonds.

Mars Hill—W. R. Martin.

Siloam—A. Lawson. P. King, R. Frazer.

Bro. Woods and Bro. Bishop were received as messengers from Mt. Pisgah Church.

On motion of Bro. J. S. Ford. Bro. R. Y. Wood was chosen Permanent Moderator, and Bro. J. P. Harris, Clerk.

On motion, the programme of the Sixty-fourth Session of this Association was adopted for the present session.

On motion, a Committee on Religious Services, consisting of the delegates of Fellowship Church with their pastor and E. P. George, was appointed.

Moved that Bro. D. I. Purser be received as agent of the State Mission Board and *Alabama Baptist*, Bro. Jenkins and Bro. A. Woolley be received as corresponding messengers from Mulberry Association, and Bro. Dr. J. M. Williams from Shelby Association.

Moved that any member of this Association present at the meetings of any sister Association, be requested to represent us in that body.

On motion, ten delegates were appointed to represent this Association in the State Convention, to be held with the church at Tuscaloosa, in July, 1884, as follows: R. Y. Wood, J. S. Ford, J. W. Edwards, W. A. Bishop, S. M. Adams, J. T. Edmonds, H. T. Stringfellow, J. N. Suttle, J. P. Harris, P. T. Harris.

Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report as follows: Missionary Sermon, Wednesday, 11 o'clock, by Bro. D. I. Purser; on Thursday, preaching at 11 o'clock, by Bro. J. S. Ford.

By the failure of Standing Committee being appointed at last session, on motion, the following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Letters and Documents—S. M. Adams, H. F. Haygood.

Religious Condition of Churches—W. A. Bishop, J. N. Suttle, O. H. Perry.

Sunday Schools—A. J. Ivie, H. C. Graham, J. A. McCrary.

Finance—D. S. Hogue, J. T. Edwards, C. F. Munnelyn.

Education—W. B. Crumpton, J. W. Edmonds, H. T. Stringfellow.

Missions—D. I. Purser.

Temperance—J. S. Ford.

On motion, the Committee on Missions made special order for Wednesday at 10½ o'clock.

Moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow (Wednesday.)

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Association called to order by the Moderator; devotional exercises conducted by Bro. S. M. Adams, after which minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion, Providence and Selma Churches be granted letters of dismission from this Association, for the purpose of establishing a new Association.

Committee on Temperance being ready, made the following report, which was earnestly discussed and adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The friends of temperance have, of late years, throughout the length and breadth of the land, changed their tactics and their mode of attack on this great evil. They have, in a great measure, abandoned these former plans and efforts to stay and drive back the tide of intemperance, which were made mainly through temperance societies and pledges of tetotalism, which did succeed to a large extent, and which would, if carried out, certainly have proved a perfect and everlasting cure for this trouble; but they have now fled for refuge to the law—that is, to legislative enactment. Prohibition! Prohibition! is now the *cry*, and we are glad to know that in almost all cases where the law has been applied, it has acted like a charm.

Your Committee would therefore urge upon this Association, and upon *everybody*, to favor this measure and every measure that may aid in delivering our race from this widespread scourge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. FORD, Chairman.

Committee on Missions being ready to report, made the following report, which was read and made special order for afternoon. The hour having arrived for preaching, Bro. D. I. Purser delivered a very good sermon on missions, from Numbers 13th chapter and 30th verse, after which a collection was taken up, and the sum of $41.50 was received. Moved to adjourn for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. J. S. Bolling. The mission report was again taken up, and after discussion, was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

There can be no doubt in the minds of *Bible readers* that the prosperity of our churches depends upon their possessing the spirit of Christ, which is without question the spirit of missions. Now, if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His. Then if we are not Christ's, we need not be surprised if we fail in our efforts to build up the waste places in Zion. We believe from the teaching of the Scriptures that the very life of the churches is endangered by *neglecting* to obey the great commission given in the last command of our Saviour. For the encouragement of God's people everywhere, we are glad to say that God is wonderfully blessing the efforts of his people, and that we of the State of Alabama are peculiarly blessed, in that we have a system of mission work and for the collection of funds equal to, if not better, than any other State in the Union. We therefore recommend that as a body we take such steps as are necessary to raise the amount asked for by the State Board.

Respectfully submitted,
D. I. PURSER, Chairman.

On motion, a collection for the J. D. Colportage Fund was taken up, and $11.50 was raised, which, added to the already collected amount, makes the one hundred dollars desired for that purpose.

Committee on Sabbath Schools being ready to report, read the same, and was made a special order for Thursday, 10 o'clock.

Finance report read and adopted. (See report.)

Moved and seconded that the money collected to-day be paid over to Bro. D. I. Purser, Representative of State Mission Board, and his receipt taken for the same.

Committee on Education made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We are gratified to report that the spirit of education seems to be aroused in our State, as it has not been for years From all directions we hear of the fine opening of schools, from the country school to the University. The Howard and Judson, our own institutions, are flourishing. The most hopeful sign of improvement is in the fact that there are more country schools opened, and the masses of our people are becoming aroused to the importance of educating their children. The subject of *ministerial education* has been brought prominently before the denomination in the past year. There is a widespread need for ministers of some degree of culture in our State. We are pleased to note the action of the Baptist State Convention in the appointment of a Board of

Ministerial Education. We earnestly recommend that the churches co-operate with and take collections for this purpose, and forward to this Board at Selma.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. CRUMPTON.

Committee on Letters and Documents read the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

We, the Committee on Letters and Documents, beg leave to report that, after a careful examination, we find that Concord Church has licensed Bro. John S. Bolling to preach the gospel; and that Selma and Providence Churches asked for letters of dismission from this Association, in order to build another Association.

S. M. ADAMS, Chm'n. } Com.
H. F. HAGARD, }

Committee on Religious Condition of Churches read the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS CONDITION OF CHURCHES.

The report we have received from the different churches that while some have enjoyed gracious refreshing from the presence of the Lord, the accession to churches has not been larger, if so large, as usual. It is interesting, however to learn that they have the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

There is no report from the District Meetings.

Dr. Winkler, in his report in 1878, says: "That the meetings in the Third District had proved a great success."

Now, we can say that the interest manifested in these meetings has waned but little, if any.

The most of the churches have Sabbath Schools, and we are encouraged to hope that the interest felt in them is increasing, deepening, widening. More religious papers are taken than ever before. Thus all these facts is an augury of good to every interest cherished by this Association.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. BISHOP, Chairman.

Moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock A. M., Thursday.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

Association called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. J. S. Bolling.

Resolved, That every member of this Association constitute himself an agent and worker to secure subscriptions for the *Alabama Baptist* from now until the next meeting of this Association.

The hour having arrived for the discussion of the Sabbath School Report, it was taken up, and after talking about it for some time, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

To the Cahaba Baptist Association, assembled at Fellowship Church, Perry County, Alabama:

Your Committee appointed on Sabbath Schools, respectfully submit the following report:

The twenty-seven churches represented in this Association report a membership of 2,266, which should call for a correspondingly large report of the number of Sabbath Schools and Sabbath School scholars; but from the statistics of the churches, to which your committee have had access, we find that only fourteen Sabbath Schools are reported with 600 scholars. This, we know, does not give the true statistics of the Sabbath Schools of the Cahaba Baptist Association; but the small number of scholars reported has arisen from the neglect of various churches in the Association in making up their statistics to give therein the number of Sabbath School scholars and the condition of their schools. It is important that these statistics should be given, in order that intelligent reports may be rendered on this subject.

We would therefore recommend that this Association make a special request to the churches composing it, that hereafter, in making up their statistics, they will give the number of Sabbath School scholars in said churches, and the condition of their schools; and we would further recommend that each Sabbath School be requested to send a delegate to the Associational meetings to take part in its deliberations.

We are assured from conversations held with delegates from churches who have not reported on this subject, that they have flourishing Sabbath Schools, and we are led to believe that this important subject is receiving much attention in our churches. It cannot receive too much. Every Christian denomination acknowledges the Sabbath School as the most valuable auxiliary to the church. There is no text of Scripture that Christians, as a body, believe more firmly in than that which teaches us to rear our children "in the fear and admonition of the Lord." That great nursery for young Christians, the Sabbath School, is the most powerful agent at the command of the church to accomplish this purpose.

We have abundant cause to congratulate ourselves as a denomination, and abundant cause to be thankful to our gracious Father for the steady growth of our Sunday Schools within the last decade. Ten years ago there were only about six or eight Baptist Churches in the bounds of the Cahaba Association having Sunday Schools. Through the faithful work of the State Evan-

gelist, this glorious work received an impetus that has carried it into nearly all of our churches, and awakened the dormant energies of thoughtless Christians to renewed effort, and to-day, we learn from a perusal of former Minutes of this Association, that three-fourths of all the thirty-two churches in the Association are rejoicing in the formerly neglected privilege of meeting on the Lord's day to study His Word in the Sabbath School.

Notwithstanding this rapid advance, there is much more to be done. The parents and children who are now working in this blessed cause, should strive to gather in others, and the pastors of churches that have no Sabbath Schools should strive to awaken them to the importance of this work at once.

May the day soon dawn when every church shall have its Sunday School, every church member be a member, and every teacher a thoroughly consecrated worker for Jesus.

A. J. IVIE,
J. A. McCRARY, } Com.
H. C. GRAHAM,

On motion, the apportionment among the churches of last year, asked for by the State Board be adopted for the next year.

Antioch, $15; Bethel, $25; Bethlehem, $10; Concord, $30; Ephesus, $20; Fellowship, $50; Friendship, $10; Hopewell, $50; Harmony, $5; Macedonia, $10, Mars Hill, $10; Mt. Pleasant, $10; Mt. Hebron, $10; Mt. Zion, $20; Mt. Gilead, $15; Macon, $70; Newberne, $20; Ocmulgee, $40; Oak Grove, $20; Pine Flat, $20; Pleasant Hill, $10; Pisgah, $30; Sardis, $10; Siloam, $400; Union, $15; Uniontown, $20; Hepsibah, $10; Medline, $15; New Hope, $5.

Committee on Nominations made the following report: Introductory Sermon, J. S. Ford; alternate, H. M. Perry. Missionary Sermon, E. T. Winkler; alternate, G. S. Anderson. Treasurer, W. R. Martin. Place of meeting, Bethel Church, Bibb Co., Ala., on Tuesday before the third Sabbath in October, 1884.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator: Foreign Missions—Chairman, Eld. E. T. Winkler; Enoch Fagan, N. H. Thompson. Home Missions—Chairman, W. A. Bishop; O. H. Perry, E. S. White. State Missions—Chairman, A. M. Perry; W. W. Smith, W. D. Burford. Sunday Schools—Chairman, S. M. Adams; A. J. Ivie, J. S. Bolling. Education—R. Frazer, J. W. Edmonds, A. Lawson. Superannuated Ministers—Chairman, J. N. Suttle; J. P. Harris, E. P. George. Denominational Literature—Chairman, J. S. Ford; J. L. Wyatt, John James.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

W. R. MARTIN, in account with Cahaba Association.

To cash received from Financial Committee,		$240.00	$240.00
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By G. S. Anderson, Evangelist Receipt,		$159.90	
By T. M. Bailey's	"	34.10	J. D. Fund.
By J. P. Harris', Clerk,	"	44.20	
By amount paid Mrs. Summers,		2.00	
			$240.00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. R. MARTIN, Treasurer.

October 18th, 1883.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Cahaba Association, favor the selection of Dr. E. B. Teague to fill the chair of Theological Professor in Howard College, and that we will go to our homes and raise all the money we can by the first of December next, for that purpose, and forward the same to the State Board.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered this church and community for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this session of our body.

Moved that we do now adjourn to meet at Bethel Church, on Tuesday before the third Sabbath in October, 1884.

R. Y. WOOD, Moderator.

J. P. HARRIS, Clerk.

Finance Report.

CHURCHES.	John Dennis Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Poor	S.S. Collections.	S. S. Expenses	Pastors' Salary.	Church Expenses.	Minutes	Total.
Antioch											1 10	1 10
Bethel				3 80							1 50	5 30
Bethlehem											1 80	1 80
Concord		3 15		5 75							2 50	8 25
Ephesus												
Fellowship				10 00		2 50		14 00	150 00	342 00	2 50	12 50
Friendship											2 50	2 50
Harmony				5 00	3 00				23 00	3 00	1 00	9 00
Hepsibah									50 00	60	3 00	3 60
Hopewell				37 00				15 00	300 00		1 50	38 50
Macedonia											1 50	1 50
Mars Hill							2 85				1 50	1 50
Medline									50 00		2 25	2 25
Mt. Pleasant											50	50
Mt. Hebron											1 00	1 00
Mt. Gilead	3 00	3 75							50 00	1 50		5 25
Mt. Zion		7 00	6 00	7 00	3 50				150 00	24 55	1 50	25 00
Macon		30 00	10 00	27 00					425 00	300 00	1 00	11 00
New Hope											2 00	2 00
Newberne					10 00					8 00	1 00	1 00
Ocmulgee		6 50		3 30	2 00						2 00	5 50
Oak Grove	5 00			10 00							2 00	17 00
Pine Flat	5 00	1 35	5 60	10 00							2 00	17 00
Pleasant Hill											2 00	2 00
Pisgah		4 50		13 60	3 75	2 00		6 00		10 00	2 00	2 00
Providence	50 00		5 00	75 00	17 25		7 00		300 00	10 00	2 50	2 50
Sardis						40			21 00		1 50	1 90
Selma		147 43	62 50	184 25					1500 00	589 95	3 00	3 00
Siloam		14 70	13 66	163 28	27 25	188 10	152 97	55 92	1800 00	412 93	3 00	3 00
Union		7 00	3 40	4 60					100 00	6 00	2 00	5 40
Uniontown		9 75										
	63 00	225 38	106 16	580 18	66 75	193 00	162 82	90 92	491 900	1708 53	49 65	192 85

Statistical Table of the Churches.

CHURCHES	PASTOR	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	Membership last reported.	Since Received by Baptism.	Since Received by Letter.	Restored.	Deceased.	Excluded.	Dismissed by Letter.	Total No. Members.	No. S. School Scholars.	No. S. School Teachers.	No. Copies Religious Papers taken.	No. Copies S. S. Papers taken.
Antioch																
Bethel	W. A. Bishop	J. P. Harris	Harrisburg	Bibb	24		1					23	12	1	5	1
Bethlehem	I. M. Hicks	W. T. Fowler	Pinetucky	Perry	119	23	46	2	7	5	4	164				
Concord	A. M. Perry	B. F. Bolling	Radfordsville	"	110	16	1	1	1		6	123				
Ephesus																
Fellowship	W. A. Bishop	J. L. Curb	Morgan Springs	Perry	108		3					111	35	3		43
Friendship	O. J. Cottingham	J. W. Cochran	Oakmulgee	"	76	5	1					82				
Hepsibah	A. M. Perry	H. F. Hagard	Chadwick	"	59							59	35	2	2	
Hopewell	J. L. West	J. U. Tubb	Marion	"	56	2			1			57	43	10		
Harmony	H. C. Sanders	A. J. Ivie	Marion	"	14						1	13			2	
Macedonia	J. S. Ford	W. R. Stevender	Havana	Hale	44				1			43				
Mars Hill		A. P. Ford	Marion	Perry	83				2		2	79	40	4	4	
Medline	I. M. Hicks	Thos. A. Sanders	Chadwick	"	80	5	6	4		2	9	85			3	
Mt. Pleasant																
Mt. Hebron	W. O. Stevens	P. T. Harris	Green Springs	Hale	30							30				
Mt. Gilead	A. M. Perry	W. T. McCraw	Abercrombie	Bibb	42	2	2				4	42				
Mt Zion	H. W. Watson	J. N. C. Brown	Centreville	"	49				1	2		46				
Macon	G. S. Anderson	J. T. Collins	Macon Station	Hale	15	1	1					17	30			
New Hope	Carter Tubb	W. B. Masengale	Flinn's Mills	"		2		2	2		16	62				
Newberne	G. S Anderson	J. W. Edmonds	Newberne	"												
Ocmulgee	J. M. Fortune	C. C. Smith	Oak Grove	Perry		9					5	61			12	20
Oak Grove	G. S. Anderson	W. P. McCollum	Marion Junction	Dallas	25	3						28				
Pine Flat	H. R. Schramm	A. J. Suttle	Felix	Perry	79	10		1	1	2	2	85	30	2	13	4
Pleasant Hill	Carter Tubb	J. D. Geddie	Carthage	Hale	64	9					2	71	15	2		
Pisgah	J. M. Fortune	W. W. Smith	Perryville	Perry	102	5	2				4	105	35	5		
Providence	W. B. Crumpton	J. F. Averyt	Orrville	Dallas	91	7	1				5	94	45	6	25	50
Sardis	W. O. Stevens	R. S. Tubb	Ironville	Perry	66		1	2	2	3	2	59				
Siloam	E. T. Winkler	J. L. Wyatt	Marion	"	363		12	1	3	2	23	349	230			290
Selma	E. J. Forrester	A. J. Goodwin	Selma	Dallas	242	6	25		1		9	263	70	17		
Union	J. S. Ford	H. T. Stringfellow	Greensboro	Hale	73	1			2		4	68				
Uniontown	G. S. Anderson	P. H. Pitts	Uniontown	Perry	79	5	4			2	3	29				
					1997	104	106	12	24	23	94	2218	620	52	66	414